

COUNTY TELEPHONE PLANT

Lincoln May Give the Fuller Law Full Test Soon.

AGITATORS BUSY AT CAPITAL

Opponents of Increase in Rates Get Signatures Enough to Call an Election and May Put Matter Up to People.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Aug. 3.—(Special.)—The telephone situation in Lincoln is approaching that stage where it is liable to result in a test of the Fuller county ownership of telephone law.

Opponents of the raise in rates granted by the railway commission to the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company have been trying for several weeks to create a sentiment favorable to calling an election for the purpose of purchasing the present company's plant or to build a new system.

Where Company Stands. The she pinches in several places and may result in the opponents of the telephone company having to lay down on the job.

He also questions what courts will hold as constitutional a law which will take the Lincoln company or any other company for funds to build up a competitive line.

Another proposition which confronts the situation is that having to put in a monthly plan it will be necessary to get a franchise. This franchise can only be obtained through an election and a vote of the people.

Disappointed in Love, Broken Bow Youth Takes Life

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Dependent over a love affair, George Arnold, aged 23, killed himself late Saturday night by swallowing strychnine. Arnold had been attentive to a young woman here. They quarreled and he went east, returning last week. The courtship was renewed, only to be broken off Saturday night.

Large Barn Burned Near Tecumseh

TECUMSEH, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Fire caused by spontaneous combustion in the hay destroyed a barn 100x200 feet, together with contents, at Hickory Hill dairy farm, five miles southeast of here, early Saturday morning. Sixty tons of new alfalfa hay, a calf, a buggy and some other little property were lost. The place is managed by John Hutz and his wife, Harry and Harland, and was recently burned. Harry is in a serious condition, the skin being burned from his back. The barn was owned by William Sutton of Talcott, Neb., and cost \$3,000; it was partly covered by insurance. The loss of contents of the barn was \$700, fully covered by insurance.

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TAIL TO GO WITH THE HIDE

Attorney General Supports Land Commissioner in New Ruling.

POOR LAND CANNOT BE LEFT

Right of Purchasers to Pick and Choose in Purchasing from State Will No Longer Be Recognized.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Attorney General Martin has issued an opinion in regard to the sale of school lands which will result in future benefit to the state. He has decided that the state is within its legal right when it refuses to sell pieces of land containing the better grade of land. In this he is joined by Land Commissioner Beckman, and in the future there will be no picking out of the best pieces leaving the state with the poor land on its hands.

Land Commissioner Beckman has just returned from an inspection of land in Box Butte county. As a result of his visit the land inspected will be raised above the appraisal of local appraisers. The land has been appraised at from \$7 to \$15.50 per acre, but will not be allowed to go unless the purchasers will take the poor land with it at the minimum price set by the state of \$7 per acre.

Kearney Boosters Inspect Pumping Irrigation Plants

KEARNEY, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Two hundred business men of this city were taken by President Patterson of the Commercial club on a trip of inspection of the irrigation plants in this vicinity on Thursday afternoon. About twenty miles were covered by the party by automobile and six plants were visited. Since the loss of water in the Platte river the Kearney canal, which is used to a great extent by the farmers in this section to irrigate their crops, has been dry and the heavens have fallen to supply rain for the benefit of the dying crops. The question of more irrigation arose at the last meeting of the club, the cost of installation and running expenses were gone into.

In visiting the truck farms which were irrigated and the corn and alfalfa fields a great difference in the quantity and quality of the yields. The plan is to establish about 300 plants in the valley south of the city and divide the land into eighty acre tracts. The local electric company propose to furnish electric power for these plants at 5 cents per kilowatt, which makes a cheap and power, and only requiring the men to lead to the work, no one being necessary to watch the motor.

These plants can be installed in this valley for about \$500 for a four-inch pump which will irrigate forty acres, \$600 for a six-inch pump for eighty acres, and about \$2,500 for an eight-inch pump which will take care of a quarter section. It only requires a twenty-five foot well, water lying about five feet under the surface. An inexhaustible supply is present and the ground is well drained, having a gravelly soil about three feet below the surface. The men that have put in the plants this year are raising more off of the strip to eighty acres irrigated than their neighbors are off a half section of non-irrigated land.

Girl Shoots Self; Seriously Injured

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Grace, the 14-year-old daughter of Joe Booth, a farmer living fourteen miles west of here, shot and seriously wounded herself Wednesday afternoon. The girl had gone to the bedroom and was there but a short time when the family heard a shot. They found the girl lying on the floor with a wound in her left breast. The bullet entered the left side at the lower point of the heart, striking the sixth rib it ran a course around to the lower point of the shoulder blade and lodged just beneath the skin at that place. The girl gives no reason for her act and the family believes it was an accident. She will probably recover.

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PASSENGERS AID MOTHER

Come to Her Defense When Officer Tries to Take Child Away.

HE JUMPS FROM MOVING TRAIN

Three Other Officers Come Aboard at Next Station on Order from Court and Secure Possession of Child.

PITTSBURG, Kan., Aug. 2.—A policeman who attempted to execute the order of a court and take a 3-year-old girl away from her mother, Mrs. Louise Schoenart of this city, on a passenger train here today was almost mobbed by the passengers, who encouraged the woman to defy him. "Where is your warrant?" the conductor asked the officer. "I have a verbal order from the judge himself," was the reply. "That doesn't do it," the conductor said. "Show your warrant or get off the train."

The officer continued to tug at the child, trying to take her from the mother's arms. The passengers rushed to the woman's defense. "Jump from train." The officer, fearing violence from the passengers, ran to the platform and jumped from the train while it was going at a considerable rate of speed.

At Girard, Kan., ten miles west of here, three other officers boarded the train and demanded Mrs. Schoenart's child. She seized the child, rushed into the toilet room and barricaded the door. While the train was traveling a instance of ten miles the officers pounded on the door, threatened, argued and coaxed, but without avail until the heat, which was almost suffocating, forced the mother to come out and surrender the child. She left the train at the next station and returned to Pittsburg with the officers.

Divided Child's Custody. Mrs. Schoenart was divorced from her husband, Albert Schoenart, here several months ago. The court divided the custody of the child between them. When Schoenart came for the child today he learned that Mrs. Schoenart was at the depot, preparing to start for Portersfield, Cal. Believing she intended to take the girl out of the jurisdiction of the lower courts, he notified the judge who had granted the divorce. The judge sent an officer to the depot to get the child, and when the officer reported that he had failed in the attempt, the judge telephoned instructions for officers to meet the train at Girard.

Tecumseh Chautauqua Opens. TECUMSEH, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—The annual Tecumseh chautauqua opened here today. The program was given by Prof. H. H. Rohrs' orchestra and Rev. E. H. Bacon, the preacher. Today Rev. C. H. Fatsberg preached and lectured, the Castle Square entertainment furnished music and in the evening Rev. Nat. M. Brisham gave an illustrated lecture.

EIGHTEEN KILLED BY DOUBLE EXPLOSION; TWO SERIOUSLY HURT

(Continued from Page One.) There were a half dozen muckers at work, whose duty it is to load the debris blown down by the blasts which are fired at night. There was also a mucker boss and a blacksmith and his helper. All were at work in the tunnel, which is about a quarter of a mile from the slope entrance to the mine.

Hear Rambling Noise. Superintendent Lorenz and Mine Boss Farrell were in the mine making an inspection of some new work which was to be done, and were about 600 feet from the tunnel in which Italian workmen were engaged. It was shortly before noon when the men on the surface heard a rumbling noise and from the mouth of the slope and from the air passages at the fan houses there came clouds of dust. The outside man knew in an instant that there had been a bad explosion and a rescue party was quickly organized. The party was composed of Glines, Murphy, Schoffstall, Behay, Kopenhaver and Howard Hand.

The six rescuers were lowered in the slope, a depth of 1,300 feet at a pitch of eighty degrees down to the fifth lift, next to the bottom of the mine. It is judged that the second explosion occurred about twenty minutes after the first. The rescuers had time to walk about 600 feet from the mouth of the slope, where they were found dead.

Five in One Pile. Five of the foreign workmen were found dead in one pile in the tunnel. A number of men were at work on the lift above the one where the tunnel was being driven and the concussion blew out the lights on their caps.

As soon as the nature of the accident became known word was sent to the officials of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company at Fortville and they sent the mine rescue car to the scene. The mine was not set afire, but the rescuers were baffled for a while by the blocked passageways, due to the timbers being torn down and the roof and sides caving in. They made their way with the greatest difficulty. The first rescued were the members of the rescuing force who had gone to the relief of the victims of the first explosion.

Doctors Go Down. Doctors from all parts of the region were summoned and two of them descended into the mine to give relief at the bottom of the slope. The first aid corps, which had also been summoned from the nearby collieries, were on hand to take care of the injured, but only three men were found to be cared for, and one of them died in less than half an hour after being taken out. The ambulances which had been summoned to care for the injured were used to take the dead to an undertaking establishment.

After a futile search of about eight hours for the bodies of Fessler and Farley, the mine officials were inclined to the belief that two of the unidentified dead might be these two, in which event the toll might be reduced to sixteen. Some of the officials were still hopeful that they might have escaped by making their way through an old working. There was a rumor to this effect, but it was not given much credit.

Movements of Open Steamships. NEW YORK. Arrived. BALTIMORE. Philadelphia. E. A. Victoria. LIVERPOOL. Philadelphia. E. A. Victoria. CORONEL. Philadelphia. E. A. Victoria. HAVRE. Philadelphia. E. A. Victoria. SOUTHAMPTON. Philadelphia. E. A. Victoria. LISI. Philadelphia. E. A. Victoria. PORT SAID. Philadelphia. E. A. Victoria. NAPLES. Philadelphia. E. A. Victoria. LONDON. Philadelphia. E. A. Victoria. BOSTON. Philadelphia. E. A. Victoria. HAVRE. Philadelphia. E. A. Victoria. NEW YORK. Philadelphia. E. A. Victoria. NEW YORK. Philadelphia. E. A. Victoria.

HUERTA WILL NOT RESIGN PRESIDENCY; WANTS NO MEDIATION

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ACTING GOVERNOR IS BUSY

Exercises His Powers While Oklahoma Executive Away.

MADE BY POLITICAL FOES

Chief Executive Takes Train in Hurry from Kansas City for Oklahoma Capital to Get on Job. OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Aug. 3.—Lieutenant Governor J. J. McAllister, as acting governor during the absence from the state of Governor Lee C. Cruce, issued pardons to four prisoners in the state penitentiary and signed school book contracts which the governor had been holding in abeyance two years. These acts, according to state officials, caused Governor Cruce to leave Kansas City hurriedly last night for Oklahoma City. He had been spending his vacation in Kansas City.

The school book contracts were made by a former board, the members of which Governor Cruce was instrumental in removing. The pardons were for B. F. Updike, nephew of ex-Governor Haskell, imprisoned in connection with the killing at Oklahoma City; George Rampa, Jr., serving a sentence for frauds connected with an Indian land sale; J. W. Dobbs, sentenced to ten years for manslaughter, and Ben Bonds, sentenced for attempting to bribe a district judge.

Business Changes at Onawa. ONAWA, Ia., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—About one hundred business men and farmers of this vicinity have organized the Onawa Co-operative company, which will purchase and carry on the general store now operated by Walker & Ford. The directors of this new enterprise are William Brennemann, president; P. K. Holbrook, M. M. Crafford, W. W. Scholes, D. C. Dehn. The capital stock is \$20,000.

A co-operative garage company has also been formed here, which will purchase and operate the Babcock & Mathison garage. John W. Anderson is president, C. E. Underhill, secretary and treasurer. Its capital stock is \$20,000.

CARTER LAKE CLUB TO GIVE BOOSTER BANQUET

A booster's banquet will be given by the Carter Lake club on the evening of August 20. The festivities will be only for members who have secured one or more new applicants for membership to the association. Improvements continue to go forward, and to meet the increasing financial needs a campaign to help out the income is in progress. During the hot weather the bathing beach has had one continuous crowd and the Tuesday and Thursday night dances have been a source of much enjoyment to both the younger and older members.

FREDRICKSON BOOSTING FOR BETTER AUTO ROADS

H. E. Fredrickson, field secretary of the Central Trans-Continental National highway of Omaha, is conducting an active campaign out in Wyoming in behalf of good automobile roads through that state. In a recent issue of the Rawlins (Wyo.) Republican he is quoted as leading an enthusiastic assembly of Wyoming county representatives there into resolutions to better the highways of that state, particularly in the southern portion. The roads themselves are now good, but the crossings are poor.

Committee Named to Receive the War Secretary, Garrison

Victor Rosewater, W. F. Baxter and John L. Kennedy will act as a reception committee for the Commercial club when Secretary of War Lindley M. Garrison comes to Omaha August 27. With Secretary Garrison will be Major General Leonard Wood, chief of staff; Major General James B. Aldridge, chief of quartermaster corps, and Captain S. J. B. Schindler, general staff. The party will be the guests of the Commercial club at a luncheon the day following arrival.

CARNIVAL EMPLOYEE HELD PENDING SERIOUS CHARGE

FAIRBURY, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Manuel Garcia, a Cuban, is being held here in jail on complaint of Earl H. Thomas, husband of a young woman with whom Garcia has been traveling in his work with the Little Carnival company that has been spending the week here. Thomas has filed a statutory charge against both Garcia and his wife, but the latter has been released on her promise to appear in court.

QUAINT METHODS OF BARBERS

Experiences of a Globe Trotter With Tonsorial Artists in Various Places. Accustomed to the deft dexterity of the up-to-date barber, the Briton who, in the course of a tour of the world, placed himself unreservedly in the hands of the tonsorial artists in the various countries visited, would have some surprising experiences to relate on his return home.

Nearly all the barbers in Tripoli are Italians and the shops are as well equipped as those of the Italian cities. The native Arab barbers require only a pair of scissors, a pair of clippers, and a razor for their equipment. They erect their temporary shops in the market places by spreading some matting over a few poles. Arabs have their heads shaved, keeping the hair short so that the white skull cap, over which the fez is worn, will fit closely.

There are many barbers in Muscat, Oman, but no barber shops. Wealthy persons are attended in their own homes, while the poorer classes are shaved in the bazaars. Both customer and barber sit on a mat facing each other. It is customary to shave the entire head.

In Aden the barbers are Hindus, who generally call at the homes of their customers. The European residents have their barbers call every morning at about 8 o'clock, and pay about 5 shillings a month for the services, which include one hair cut.

Ragsdale Gives Demo Machine Tip

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Representative Ragsdale of South Carolina, one of the so-called insurgent democratic leaders of the house banking committee opposed to the currency bill, declared that "no rushing tactics" would be tolerated when the bill comes up in the caucus August 11. "They had better not try any rushing tactics unless they wish to precipitate an open division among the democrats," he said.

Swallows Poison.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—"I've just swallowed the contents of this poison bottle," said Sylvan Schul, an artist employed by a local newspaper, as he walked into the city editor's office tonight. Schul was so calm that he had difficulty in convincing the men around him. Finally he was rushed to an emergency hospital, but he died in a few moments.

Advertisement for Schlitz Beer. Not necessary to "Keep the Cover On" Schlitz Brown Bottle. Miller's High Life Beer. The Champagne of Bottled Beer. TO KEEP THIS COVER ON TO PROTECT BEER FROM LIGHT. Another brewer tacitly admits—that light affects the quality of beer—that the light bottle is insufficient protection. It is not enough to make pure beer—it must be protected from the light. Schlitz in Brown Bottles is pure and wholesome from the brewery to your glass. Photos: Doug. 1507; Ind. & 2623 Schlitz Bottled Beer Depot 723 S. 9th Street, Omaha, Neb. Phone 424 Hy. Garber, 101 S. Main St. Council Bluffs

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